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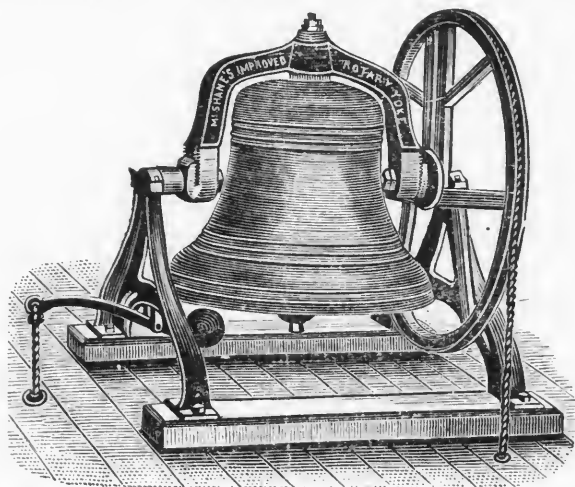
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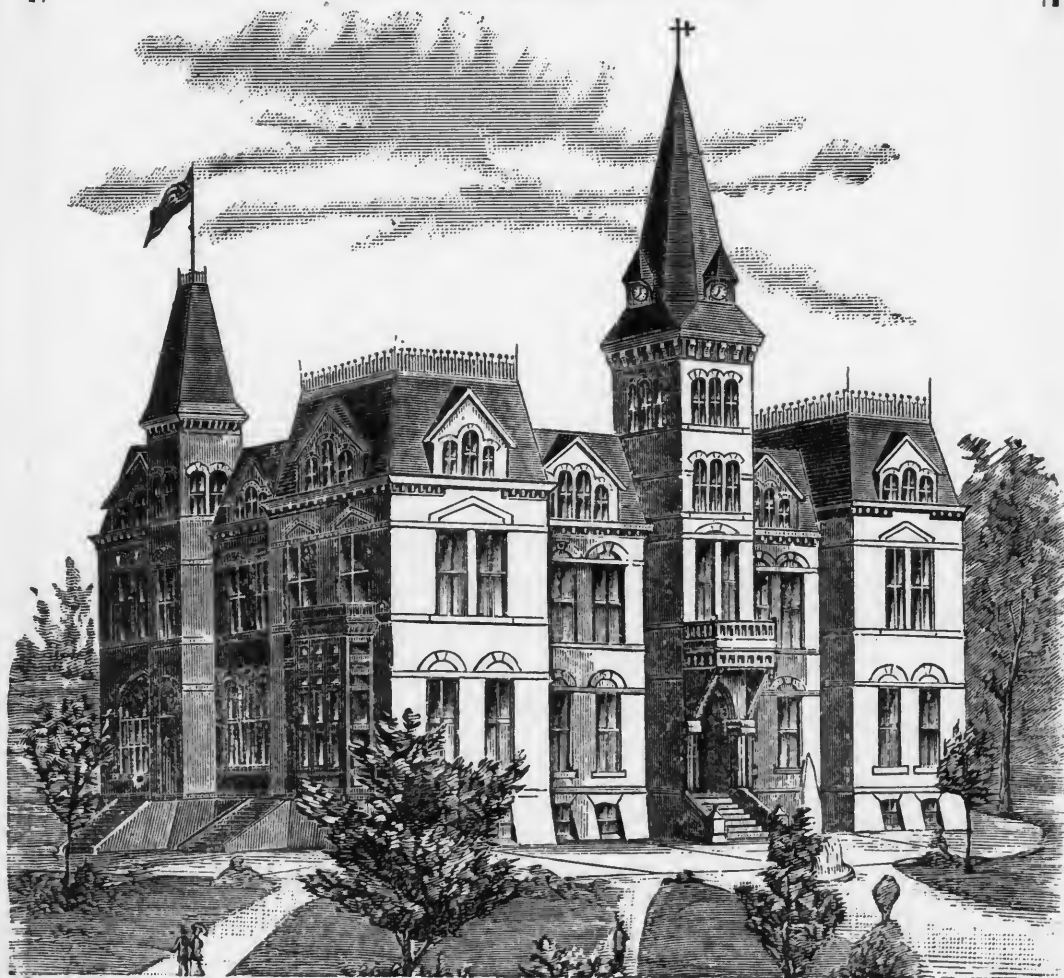
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## FIRST SESSION.—FIRST DAY.

The Dakota Mission Conference met for its sixth session in Blunt at 9 A. M., October 8, 1885, Bishop C. D. Foss in the chair.

The Conference was opened by the reading of the last chapter of Mark, singing and prayer, after which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

The roll of Conference was called by D. Rifenbark, secretary of the last Conference, and thirty-six were found to be present.

The following standing committees were elected upon nomination by the Presiding Elders:

*On Public Worship*—Rev. Messrs. McCready and Hoskyn.

*Education*—Curl, Affleck, Bradford, Boggs, Adkinson, Springer, Phillips and McClintock.

*Prohibition*—Jamieson, Hager, Traveller and Selleck.

*Observance of Sabbath*—Shelland, Furnier, Wiles and Vivian.

*Church Extension*—Scott, Sage, Jenkins and Kemper.

*Woman's Foreign Missionary Society*—Craven, Sproul, Miller and Oaks.

*Book Accounts*—Corwin, Springer and Thompson.

*Sabbath Schools*—Hunt, Doty, Oake and Neville.

*Freedmen's Aid*—Swimm, Rifenbark, Burrows and Minty.

*Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts*—Wiles, Rowe, Akens and Campbell.

*Editor of Minutes*—Hartsough.

*Postoffices*—Jenkins, French, Rowe and Jones.

*Tract Cause*—Smith, Matson, Bliss and Clyde.

*Church Literature*—Sproul, Garlock, Rifenbark and Walker.

*Bible Cause*—Miller, Clyde, Hooker and Mooers.

*Resolutions*—Jamieson, Traveller, Sproul and Hager.

*Memoirs*—Traveller, Bradford, Hager and Sproul.

D. Rifenbark, the former secretary, declining a reelection, A. R. Boggs was elected secretary on ballot, with authority to nominate his assistants.

D. Rifenbark was nominated and elected assistant secretary, A. F. Thompson R. R. secretary, F. H. Wheeler statistical secretary, and nominated as assistants L. G. Furnier, J. P. Jenkins, J. G. Campbell and J. Rowe. J. F. Kemper was elected Conference treasurer and G. R. Oake assistant treasurer.

Voted to meet daily at 8:30 A. M. and to close at 12 M., the first half-hour to be occupied by devotional exercises.

The bar was fixed at a line joining the third windows.

Superintendent I. N. Pardee reported his work and also reported as Presiding Elder of Mitchell District and was followed by Presiding Elders Hartsough, Fielder and McCready, with reports of their districts.

Bishops Foss and Andrews and the Presiding Elders were added to the Committee on Education.

The book concern accounts from New York, Chicago and Cincinnati were referred to the Appropriate Committee.

The time being extended, the question of the organization of the Mission into an annual Conference was made the special order for tomorrow after the reading of the minutes.

L. W. Miller and A. Jamieson were added to the committee of examination for admission on trial.

Ordered that Children's Day collection and the collection for the general fund be reported in separate columns.

Ordered that all reports from standing committees be furnished in duplicate.

Ordered that hereafter the classes of undergraduates shall meet for examination at 9 A. M. the day preceding the meeting of Conference.

J. C. Shelland was appointed reporter for the New York Advocate and A. W. Adkinson reporter for the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

The matter of the church at Highmore destroyed by a cyclone was referred to the Committee on Churches and Parsonages.

Standing committees, excepting the Educational Committee, were directed to assemble at 2 P. M., and committees of examination to meet at 3 P. M.

Thereupon Conference adjourned by the singing of the Doxology, the benediction being pronounced by the Bishop.

## SECOND SESSION.—SECOND DAY.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M. for devotional exercises, after which the Bishop took the chair.

Bishop Andrews being present, was introduced.

The minutes of the last session were read, amended and approved.

Roll of absentees was called and seven more responded.

C. N. Stowers of Minnesota Conference was introduced.

C. E. Hager, J. P. Jenkins, E. Craven and W. H. Matson were appointed a Committee on Churches and Parsonages.

The special order was taken up and the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS. The last general Conference authorized the Dakota Mission Conference, by a majority vote of the members present and voting with the approval of the Bishop presiding, to organize into an annual Conference, and believing the time has fully come for such action. Therefore .

*Resolved*, That we respectfully request the Bishop to grant his approval, and that we proceed at once to organize the Dakota Annual Conference.

IRA N. PARDEE, A. D. TRAVELLER, WM. FIELDER, A. R. BOGGS,  
WM. MCCREADY, HENRY M. SPRINGER, C. E. HAGER.

The roll was called to ascertain who were present and entitled to vote.

On motion and by a standing vote the resolution was adopted, 31 to 2.

The Bishop presiding thereupon gave his approval of and declared the

# DAKOTA CONFERENCE

organized and composed of all members and probationers of annual Conferences who had been duly appointed to work in the mission.

A roll of such persons was presented by the Bishop, from which the roll of this Conference is prepared, as follows:

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### PREACHERS ON TRIAL.

BURROWS, ALBERTE.	HARPLE, OSCAR A.	MATSON, Wm. H.
CORWIN, GROVE J.	JENKINS, JOHN P.	SELLECK, Wm. H.
FRENCH, SILAS A.	JORDAN, Wm. H.	WHEELER, FRANK H.

On motion, the secretaries, treasurers and standing committees elected for the Mission Conference were elected to serve in a like capacity for the annual Conference.

The list of effective Elders was called.

They reported their collections and their characters were passed as follows:

I. N. Pardee, H. T. Curl, E. W. Sage, C. E. Hager, L. W. Miller, E. W. Adams, L. Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, L. Bradford, F. A. Burdick, A. Jamieson, G. R. Oake, A. R. Boggs, Wm. Fielder, P. L. Hooker, E. Craven, J. F. Kemper, T. H. Walker, H. M. Springer, A. W. Adkinson, A. F. Thompson, A. D. Traveller, Wm. McCreedy, S. F. Brown, J. H. Mooers, E. Hoskyn, W. F. Minty, O. A. Phillips, A. P. Jones, Geo. E. Neville, W. Pagenhart, J. G. Palmer, O. H. Sproul.

L. B. Wiles was appointed to take the place of G. J. Corwin on book concern accounts.

H. T. Curl, T. H. Walker and A. Jamieson were appointed a Committee of Examination for the second year.

QUESTION 13 was called: "Who are the traveling deacons of the second class?"

J. Q. Swimm being called, was duly represented, his character passed and he was continued in the second class.

QUES. 12 was called: "Who are the traveling deacons of the first class?"

The following brethren reporting their collections were represented by their Presiding Elders, characters passed and were continued; viz: L. B. Wiles, J. Trewartha, W. Vivian, J. E. Norvell, D. Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, J. Rowe.

The supplies being called, reported their collections.

Watertown was selected as the place for holding the next session of Conference.

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed the Committee on Missions.

J. F. Hanson of the Society of Friends was introduced.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, the Doxology being sung and Bishop Andrews pronouncing the Benediction.

### THIRD SESSION.—THIRD DAY.

Conference met at 8:30 for devotional exercises, after which the Bishop took the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report on Freedmen's Aid Society was read and adopted. (see report "A")

The report on the Bible cause was read and adopted. (see report "D.")

The report on Church Literature was presented and adopted, the Bishop and others giving it emphasis by appropriate remarks. (see report "E.")

The list of delinquent charges was called by the treasurer.

The Committee on Memoirs made a report which was adopted. (see report "A.")

QUES. 3 was taken up: "Who remain on trial?"

The following brethren reporting collections, were duly represented, characters passed and continued on trial; viz: Frank H. Wheeler, Wm. H. Matson, Silas A. French.

QUES. 2: "Who are admitted on trial?"

The following brethren: Moray Clyde, Lucas G. Furnier and Timothy Donahue being duly recommended, standing in studies satisfactory, were represented by their Presiding Elders and admitted on trial.

The credentials of T. Donahue as deacon were recognized.

QUES. 3 was recalled: "Who remain on trial?"

The following brethren: O. A. Harpel, J. P. Jenkins, G. J. Corwin and A. E. Burrows, being called, duly represented and characters passed, were continued in first year's studies.

The character of W. H. Sellick was passed and he was continued in the second year's course of study.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made its report, which was adopted. (see report "F.")

T. S. Hunt of the South Kansas Conference was introduced. At request of Conference the Bishop announced his transfer to this Conference and he was made effective.

The Tract Committee made its report, which was adopted. (see report "G.")

The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society was read and adopted. (see report "H.")

The report on Sabbath Observance was read and re-committed.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

*Resolved*, That we will welcome Sister Hartsough to our churches in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society and invite her to make arrangements with the Pastors or local societies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society for said meetings.

I. N. PARDEE, W. FIELDER.

(See report "O".)

P. E. Knox of the Wisconsin Conference was introduced and permitted to report the work which he has been supplying in Faulk county.

The local board of Church Extension was ordered to consider the application for aid made by the DeVoe circuit in Faulk county.

QUES. 20 was taken up. J. C. Shelland was called, collections reported and character was passed.

To meet the expenses of the Conference a collection was ordered to be taken tomorrow.

The report of the College Commission ordered one year ago was presented and referred to the Educational Committee.

Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FOURTH SESSION.—FOURTH DAY.

After the prayer meeting the Bishop called the Conference to order.

The minutes were read and approved.

C. B. Clark, an Elder in the Iowa Conference and Thomas Simmons of the upper Iowa Conference, were announced by the Bishop as members of this Conference.

W. H. Hoadly, an Elder of the Rock River Conference, was transferred by request of this Conference and made effective.

QUES. 5. was called: Who are admitted into full connection?

Wm. H. Selleck was called forward and addressed by the Bishop. He answered the usual disciplinary questions, reported his collections, being represented by the Committee of Examination and his Presiding Elder, was admitted into full connection and also given credit for the third year's studies.

Hosea Locke, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Flandrau, and Presiding Elder, was admitted on trial.

His orders as an elder in the M. E. church of Canada were recognized and he was excused from the course of study.

Timothy Donahue was excused from the first two years of study, he having passed over their equivalent and been ordained a deacon of the Methodist Church of Canada.

The benevolent collections and statistics from the Plankinton charge having come too late for insertion in the tables, the secretary was authorized to add a foot note stating the total amounts collected and that the same will be entered in the tables of next year.

The Committee on Churches and Parsonages made their report, which was adopted after the Pastor had represented the situation at Highmore. (see report "I.")

The Committee on Prohibition made a report, which was adopted. (see report "K.")

A report of the regents of Central Dakota university was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

A subscription and collection were taken in open Conference for the Highmore church. The sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was secured, of which seventy-eight dollars were paid down.

The following resolution was read and adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders and Pastors see that as soon as possible our churches and parsonages be insured with the storm and cyclone clause added.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to extend our thanks to the Hennepin Avenue church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, for aid given to the Pastor at Highmore.

The report on resolutions was made and adopted by a rising vote. (see report "B.")

The following resolution was presented and adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That as a Conference, we earnestly request all our Pastors to organize Methodist Sabbath schools in our own churches and discourage union schools in them.

L. HARTSOUGH, W. FIELDER, I. N. PARDEE.

The report on Sabbath observance was read and adopted. (see report "L.")

On motion the president and secretary of the Conference were directed to sign, on behalf of the Conference, the petition made to the Congress of the United States, relating to the observance of the Sabbath.

J. H. Mooers, at his own request, was granted a supernumerary relation without work.

The report on church extension was read and adopted. (see report "M.")

The statistical secretary made an aggregate report by districts, which was adopted.

It was ordered that the Cf. Cl. funds now in the hands of the treasurer, be invested by him and held subject to the order of Conference next year.

The Educational Committee read report No. 1, which was unanimously adopted. An additional article was inserted granting power to the corporation to receive gifts, bequests and legacies. (See 1st. report.)

Dr. Wm. Brush addressed the Conference by permission.

A resolution was adopted allowing the corporation power to amend the articles in minor particulars, so as to comply with the code if need be.

Dr. Tooke addressed the Conference by permission.

The time was extended.

The following resolution was read and adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That Bishops Foss and Andrews and the persons selected as members by the Conference, be requested to proceed at once to Mitchell to communicate and explain to the friends of Dakota University there, the action taken by the Conference concerning the university.

Reports No. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Education were read and adopted.

The Benediction being pronounced by the Bishop, Conference adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this p. m.

## FIFTH SESSION.—FOURTH DAY.

At 4 o'clock p. m., A. Jamieson, chairman by appointment of the Bishop, called the Conference to order.

There being no business to transact, the Conference was adjourned to assemble at 7:30 this evening.

## SIXTH SESSION.—FOURTH DAY.

At 7:30 p. m. Bishop Foss called the Conference, H. T. Curl leading the devotional exercises.

Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read and adopted.

The statistical report from Buffalo county coming too late for insertion in the tables, was placed on file.

Report No. 4 of the Educational Committee was read and unanimously adopted.

Report No. 1 was reconsidered for the purpose of inserting certain words, which upon vote were ordered inserted.

F. A. Burdick, by request of Conference, was left without appointment, in order to attend one of our schools.

Moneys for general educational purposes were ordered paid to the treasurer of the Conference Board of Education, to be expended at their discretion.

A constitution for the Conference Board of Education was adopted. (see educational report.)

Officers of said board were nominated and elected.

The Conference treasurer was instructed to pay a draft of \$500 in favor of L. Hartsough, late treasurer for the Mission, on account of the missionary draft sent from New York, being less than the appropriation made.

The board of Presiding Elders through their secretary presented various nominations, which were adopted.

Rev. Hanson, representative of the Society of Friends, by permission addressed the Conference on the subject of peace.

The following resolution presented by him was on motion adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That this Conference will support any wise measure looking to the establishment of an international tribunal of arbitration for the adjustment of national difficulties in place of war.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

*We respectfully request that the Bishops who may preside at our annual Conferences do not transfer to our Conference or appoint as Presiding Elder any person that indulges in the use of tobacco.*

(Signed) E. HOSKYN, JAS. ROWE, L. B. WILES, and others.

Officers of Missionary, Church Extension and Sabbath school societies were nominated and elected.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read and not being amended, the same became the appropriation to charges for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts made their report, which was adopted. (see report "N.")

The business of the Conference being finished, the Bishop, after a few earnest and fitting words, read the appointments and Conference adjourned, when the Doxology was sung, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

A. R. BOGGS,

Secretary.

C. D. FOSS,

President.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are received by transfer, and from what conferences? T. S. Hunt, from the South Kansas Conference; C. B. Clark from Iowa Conference; W. H. Hoadley from the Rock River Conference.
2. Who are admitted on trial? Moray Clyde, Lucas G. Furnier, Timothy Donahue, Wm. H. Jordan, Hosea Locke.
3. Who remain on trial? First year's studies: Oscar A. Harple, John P. Jenkins, Grove J. Corwin, Albert E. Burrows, Frank H. Wheeler, Wm. H. Matson, Silas A. French; second year, Wm. H. Selleck.
4. Who are discontinued? None.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. H. Selleck.
6. Who are re-admitted? None.
7. Who are received on credentials from other churches? Timothy Donahue, from Methodist Church of Canada, as deacon.
8. What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? None.
9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? None.
10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? None.
11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? None.
12. Who are traveling deacons of the first class? M. E. Nickerson, J. E. Norvell, D. Rifenbark, James Rowe, J. Q. Swim, James Trewartha, William Vivian, L. B. Wiles.
13. Who are the traveling deacons of the second class? Wm. H. Selleck.
14. What traveling deacons have been elected elders? None.
15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders? None.
16. What local deacons have been elected elders? None.
17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? None.
18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. H. Mooers.
19. Who are the superannuated preachers? None.
20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.
21. Have any died? None.
22. Have any been transferred, and to what conferences? None.
23. Have any withdrawn? None.
24. Have any located at their own request? None.
25. Have any been located? None.
26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.
27. Have any been expelled? None.
28. Who are selected to be the tryers of appeals? A. R. Boggs, L. Bradford, G. R. Oake, O. H. Sproul, H. M. Springer, A. W. Adkinson, H. T. Curl.
29. What is the statistical report for this Conference year? (See statistical tables.)

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# APPOINTMENTS.

## MITCHELL DISTRICT.—IRA N. PARDEE, PRESIDING ELDER, Mitchell, Dak.

Alexandria.....O. H. Sproul  
 Bridgewater.....E. W. Sage  
 Brule, .....to be supplied  
 Chamberlain.....to be supplied  
 Castalia and Bijou Hills,J. Q. Swimm  
 Cornell, to be sup by.....O. Hutchins  
 Diana and Roswell.....G. E. Neville  
 Grand View and East Choteau, to  
 be sup by E. Doty and C. J. Bliss  
 Howard, Carthage, A. F. Thompson  
 Kimball, to be sup by W. B. Affleck  
 Mitchell.....C. D. Clark  
 Mitchell Circuit, sup by S. Washburn

Mt. Vernon.....T. H. Walker  
 Madison.....to be supplied  
 Plankinton.....Wm. McCready  
 Plankinton Ct., sup by O. H. Smith  
 Pleasant Valley, sup by I. F. Smith  
 Pukwana, sup by J. H. Crosby  
 Rome.....H. T. Curl  
 Three Counties.....to be supplied  
 Waterbury.....Wm. Pagenhart  
 Woonsocket.....T. S. Hunt  
 White Lake.....to be supplied  
 Wessington Springs and Alpena,.....  
 .....James Trewartha

## YANKTON DISTRICT.—LEWIS HARTSOUGH, PRESIDING ELDER, Sioux Falls, Dak.

Alcester, sup by.....T. Carson  
 Beresford.....J. E. Norvell  
 Canastota, sup by.....D. P. Dudley  
 Canton.....G. R. Oake  
 Centreville.....G. J. Corwin  
 Dell Rapids.....Wm. Vivian  
 Elk Point.....Lewis Bradford  
 Egan, sup by.....Thos. Wilkenson  
 Flandreau.....P. L. Hooker  
 Gayville, sup by.....W. O. Redfield  
 Hartford, sup by.....I. G. W. Chase  
 Hurley, sup by.....J. A. Sparks  
 Lennox.....Duane Rifenbark

Lodi.....M. E. Nickerson  
 Montrose.....O. A. Harple  
 Parker.....J. P. Jenkins  
 Prairie Grove.....Hosea Locke  
 Palisades, sup by.....W. F. Hart  
 Richland.....L. B. Wiles  
 Sioux Falls, sup by.....J. H. Mooers  
 Sioux Falls Ct.,.....to be supplied  
 Springfield.....Moray Clyde  
 Tyndall.....to be supplied  
 Scotland.....D. W. Chamberlain  
 Vermillion.....Archibald Jamieson  
 Yankton.....C. E. Hager

## HURON DISTRICT.—WM. FIELDER, PRESIDING ELDER, Huron, Dak.

Altoona.....W. H. Hoadley  
 Blunt.....Edward Hoskyn  
 Brookings, Aurora.....H. M. Springer  
 Castlewood.....Edwin Craven  
 Cavour, sup by.....A. D. Smith  
 Clark.....J. F. Kemper  
 Clark county Ct., to be sup.....  
 Clear Lake and White,A. E. Burrows  
 Clifton Ct.....to be supplied  
 DeSmet, Nordland.....J. C. Shelland  
 Doland and Frankfort.....A. P. Jones  
 Gary.....James Rowe  
 Henry.....to be supplied

Highmore, sup by.....J. W. Scott  
 Howell ct., sup by.....J. M. Coafes  
 Huron.....A. W. Adkinson  
 Iroquois.....F. H. Wheeler  
 Lake Byron, sup by.....J. H. Moore  
 Miller, St. Lawrence.....S. A. French  
 Pierre.....W. H. Selleck  
 Redfield, sup by.....J. S. Akers  
 Watertown.....E. W. Adams  
 Waverly.....to be supplied  
 Wessington.....to be supplied  
 Willow Lake.....Timothy Donahue  
 Wolsey.....S. W. Miller

## ABERDEEN DISTRICT.—A. D. TRAVELLER, PRESIDING ELDER, Aberdeen, Dak.

Aberdeen.....J. G. Palmer  
 Andover and Bristol, O. A. Phillips  
 Ashton.....W. H. Matson  
 Athol, sup by.....J. M. Rogers  
 Bangor and LeBeau.....S. F. Brown  
 Beotia, sup by.....J. Bloomhall  
 Big Stone City.....to be supplied  
 Columbia.....W. F. Minty  
 Detroit.....to be supplied  
 Ellendale.....A. R. Boggs

Fankton.....Thos. Simmons  
 Frederick.....to be supplied  
 Gettysburg.....to be supplied  
 Ipswich.....to be supplied  
 Milbank.....W. H. Jordan  
 Northville, Mellette.....to be supplied  
 Wilmot.....L. G. Furnier  
 West Port and Ordway, to be supplied  
 F. A. Burdick left without appoint-  
 ment to attend one of our schools.

STATISTICS NO. 1, MITCHELL DISTRICT DAKOTA CONFERENCE, FOR 1885.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	M'MB'RSHIP..				BAP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS,												Other Collec- tions.....		
	No. of Pro.	No of Mem	No. Loc. Pr	No. Deaths	Chil Bapt.	Adults Bap	Churches...	Prob. Value	Parsonages	Prob. Value	Pd Build & improving Ch and Par	Paid on old debts.....	Debts now standing.	Church ex- penses.....	FOR. MIS.			For Church Extension	For Sab. S. Union.....	Tract Soc..	Freedmans Aid Soc..	Education.	Children's Day .....	Bible So- ciety.....	Wom. For. Mission ..	Wo. Home Mission ..			
															From Ch'r'ns	From S. Sc.	Total...												
Alexandria.....	7	120	...	...	3	...	1	\$1800	1	\$400	\$1100	\$250	\$500	\$100	\$3	\$2	\$5	\$3	\$1	\$1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$1	.....
Bijou Hills.....	2	26	1	...	2	...	1	2500	...	...	47	...	1150	30	6	6	4	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bridgewater.....	...	25	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	341	...	288	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chamberlain.....	2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Charles Mix.....	10	60	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	4	310	9	1	1	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	
Douglas County.....	9	80	...	...	3	1	1	1700	...	...	1700	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Kimball and White Lake .....	3	70	1	...	3	...	2	5000	...	...	...	150	200	90	10	10	8	1	1	3	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Letcher and Pleas. Val.....	1	29	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	19	50	20	2	2	6	24	...	1	33	...	\$10		
Mitchell.....	25	127	...	1	2	3	1	7000	...	...	...	845	750	125	6	6	25	...	...	2	2	6	24	...	1	...	...	...	
Mitchell Circuit.....	3	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	
Milltown.....	25	75	...	...	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mount Vernon.....	2	96	2	1	4	8	1	3000	1	600	215	...	512	50	11	5	16	5	1	1	3	...	4	1	10	...	...	...	
Plankinton.....	3	62	...	...	1	...	2	4000	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wolsey and Wessington.....	12	104	1	1	...	8	2	3600	1	300	80	...	1000	80	6	...	6	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	
Woonsocket.....	12	83	1	...	...	7	1	2200	...	...	300	...	750	80	14	4	18	20	1	1	18	2	...	6	...	...	...	30	
Totals.....	116	1014	6	3	31	41	11	\$30800	3	\$1300	\$ 3442	1586	\$4862	843	\$406	\$34	\$440	\$76	\$8	\$7	\$38	\$37	\$7	\$13	\$45	.....	\$40		

YANKTON DISTRICT.

Beresford.....	11	73	1	...	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$30	\$10	...	\$10	\$5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$1	...	...
Canastota.....	21	60	2	1	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	25	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Centerville.....	2	48	1	...	...	...	2	\$2800	...	...	\$2250	...	\$250	...	4	...	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canton.....	5	75	2	1	3	9	1	2000	1	400	150	\$50	250	50	11	\$9	20	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elk Point.....	7	50	2	1	...	12	1	500	2	1000	130	15	65	70	12	4	16	10	\$2	1	5	\$2	\$2	\$2	10	2	...	...	...	...	...
Gayville.....	13	45	...	...	3	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	12	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hartford.....	29	70	1	...	4	1	...	...	1	400	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hurley.....	...	20	...	...	...	3	1	800	...	...	...	36	166	...	3	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Linnox.....	6	44	...	...	1	10	1	1200	...	...	...	107	173	...	15	...	15	7	1	1	3	3	7	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lodi.....	22	50	...	...	6	14	1	1500	1	300	1250	100	250	10	9	1	10	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montrose.....	6	64	...	...	2	6	1	2096	...	...	591	...	305	...	9	1	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parker.....	8	58	2	...	...	5	1	1200	...	...	...	27	150	80	8	4	12	6	1	1	2	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palisades.....	5	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	2	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richland.....	21	25	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	225	...	...	...	15	8	...	8	5	1	1	3	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Sioux Falls.....	34	105	1	1	6	18	1	6000	1	1500	...	115	300	137	21	9	30	19	3	2	18	1	2	2	19	2	...	...	...	...	...
Springfield.....	5	71	...	...	1	0	3	4500	...	...	1000	...	1350	30	10	2	12	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scotland and Tyndall.....	...	60	1	...	3	1	3	4500	1	200	...	...	900	50	29	1	30	8	3	1	1	2	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Vermilion.....	14	97	...	...	9	11	1	1800	1	300	239	25	61	178	14	6	29	4	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yankton.....	3	78	...	...	5	...	1	6000	...	...	33	...	350	150	13	7	20	10	1	1	5	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	202	1098	15	8	48	148	18	\$34896	9	\$1325	5643	\$475	4570	\$850	\$234	\$45	\$279	\$105	\$16	12	\$45	\$19	\$31	\$13	50	\$8	...	\$3	...	...	...

## HURON DISTRICT.

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## ORDWAY DISTRICT.

Aberdeen.....	1	129	1	2	2	1	\$50	.....	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$90	\$12	.....	\$12	\$14	\$2	\$2	\$6	\$4	.....	\$6	.....	.....	.....		
Alpena.....	7	7	.....	.....	1	1	2500	.....	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Ashton and Northville.....	8	90	9	1	5	1	2000	.....	50	50	150	50	40	.....	40	10	2	2	4	4	\$4	5	\$1	\$1	.....		
Altoona.....	53	2	1	.....	.....	1	2500	1	\$400	300	.....	45	6	.....	6	3	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	\$5			
Blunt.....	3	97	3	.....	2	1	40 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	7	.....	7	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	17			
Big Stone City.....	6	14	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	10	.....	10	3	1	1	3	1	.....	1	2	1			
Detroit and Columbia.....	7	68	1	.....	.....	1	850	.....	50	75	300	.....	25	.....	25	10	1	.....	3	.....	.....	2	.....	10			
Ellendale.....	7	35	1	.....	2	1	2000	.....	175	100	850	75	6	.....	6	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Forest City.....	6	50	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	4	1	1	2	3	.....	1	.....	2			
Highmore and Harrold.....	3	31	.....	.....	.....	1	2000	.....	1500	.....	1050	20	20	.....	20	10	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....			
Ipswich.....	68	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	4	.....	4	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Milbank.....	16	57	.....	.....	.....	2	7500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Mellette.....	3	53	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	40	1	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....			
*Ordway.....	5	47	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	16	.....	16	4	1	1	6	2	5	3	.....	2			
Pierre.....	35	111	1	4	5	1	2500	.....	210	.....	700	110	10	4	14	5	1	.....	5	.....	4	.....	.....	4			
Redfield and Crandon.....	4	68	1	4	3	2	3600	.....	25	25	1200	100	20	5	25	15	2	2	3	6	5	2	.....	10			
Wessington Springs.....	36	1	1	.....	.....	1	1600	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	19	6	25	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Wilmot.....	1	59	1	.....	7	1	1500	1	250	.....	80	.....	5	.....	5	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Total.....	89	1016	25	9	23	15	\$33200	2	650	\$5010	\$350	\$4480	\$802	\$255	\$15	\$270	\$94	\$13	10	\$40	\$31	\$20	\$17	\$5	\$4	\$48	
Grand Total.....	596	4497	64	30	170	265	62	149446	20	11625	\$25237	7092	25625	3687	1241	\$129	1370	\$377	\$54	44	\$159	\$97	\$86	\$67	\$120	\$13	\$170
The Year's Gain.....	116	561	11	D	90	75	11	\$23021	5	\$4400	Dec.	\$947	\$8931	\$85	\$787	\$56	\$843	\$110	\$11	\$6	\$34	\$17	\$14	\$1	Dec	\$11	\$169

Andover Miss. \$3; Port Emma, 30 M., 2 L. P.; St. Lawrence, 20 M., \$2 Miss., all included in total above.

STATISTICS NO. 2, MITCHELL DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, FOR 1885.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.							
		PASTORS.			P. E.		BISHOPS	CON. CL.	
		Claims in H. R.	Rece'ts in H. R.	Defici- encies	Appor- tioned	Paid....	Appor- tioned	Paid....	Appor- tioned
Alexandria.....	H. T. Carl.....	\$800	\$750	\$50	\$48	\$48	\$3	\$3	\$3
Bijou Hills.....	James Trewartha.....	340	200	140	20	20	2	2	2
Bridgewater.....	J. G. Campbell.....	400	250	150	52	48	3	1	3
Buffalo County.....	G. W. Garlock.....					40			
Chamberlain.....	W. B. Affleck.....	600	600		50	40			
Charles Mix County.....	J. Q. Swimm.....	350	320	30	48	40	2	2	2
Douglas County.....	Mr. Doty.....	340	177	163	48	36	2	1	2
Kimball and White Lake.....	E. W. Sage.....	700	501	199	70	68	3	2	
Letcher & Pleasant Valley.....	J. N. Smith.....	100	48	52		16			
Mitchell.....	C. E. Hager.....	800	800		80	80	3	3	4
Mitchell Circuit.....	S. Washburn.....		254		32	32	1	1	1
Milltown.....	C. J. Bliss.....	200	200		30	40	1	1	
Mt. Vernon.....	L. W. Miller.....	*605	605		52	50	2	2	2
Plankinton.....	Wm. Vivian.....	800	800		60	50			
Wolsey and Wessington.....	S. A. French.....	550	450	100		32		1	
Woonsocket.....	E. W. Adams.....	600	367	233	50	48	2	2	2
Totals.....		\$7185	\$6322	1117	\$640	\$700	\$24	\$19	\$21

YANKTON DISTRICT.

Beresford.....	D. T. Hutchinson.....	\$375	\$221	\$154	\$44	\$44	\$2	\$2	\$2
Canastota.....	B. D. L. Dudley.....		32			30			
Centerville.....	O. A. Harpel.....	350	350		44	44	2	2	2
Canton.....	D. W. Chamberlain.....	*560	360	200	50	45	2	2	2
Elk Point.....	L. Bradford.....	*600	583	17	52	45	2	2	2
Gayville.....	J. A. Sparks.....	200	228		24	24	2	2	3
Hartford.....	J. E. Norville.....	310	258	52	48	38	2	1	2
Lennox.....	D. Rifenbark.....	455	445	10	48	44	2	1	2
Lodi.....	M. E. Nickerson.....	*440	380	60	40	40	2	1	2
Montrose.....	J. P. Jenkins.....	300	252	48	52	48	2	1	2
Parker.....	F. A. Burdick.....	525	470	55	40	40	2	2	2
Palisade.....	W. F. Hart.....	340	252	48	32	32	2	2	2
Richland.....	L. B. Wiles.....	*450	300	150	40	35	2	1	2
Sionx Falls.....	A. Jamieson.....	*900	900		80	70	3	3	3
Springfield.....	G. J. Corwin.....	516	452	64	40	37	2	1	2
Scotland and Tyndall.....	James Hughes.....	*634	466	168	40	33	3	3	3
Vermillion.....	G. R. Oak.....	*575	575		52	52	3	3	4
Yankton.....	A. R. Boggs.....	800	692	108	80	75	4	4	5
Totals.....		\$8290	\$7216	1134	\$806	\$776	\$41	\$33	\$43

HURON DISTRICT.

Aurora.....	P. L. Hooker.....	\$400	\$333	\$67	\$30	\$30			
Brookings.....	Edwin Craven.....	*577	468	109	40	28	\$3	\$3	\$4
Castlewood.....	A. C. Pevers.....	350	350		30	30			
Clark.....	J. F. Kemper.....	600	600		40	40	3	3	4
Dell Rapids.....	T. H. Walker.....	*600	600		40	40	3	3	2
Doland and Frankfort.....	T. S. Fowler.....	500	450	50	48	43	2	2	3
Diana and Carthage.....	A. D. Smith.....	400	334	56	28	28	3	1	2
Egan and Coleman.....	T. Wilkinson.....	177	177		36	36	2	2	
Flandrau.....	A. E. Burrows.....	350	350		44	44	2	2	
Gary.....	James Rowe.....	500	500		48	48	3	3	4
Henry and Dixon.....	H. M. Springer.....	600	600		40	40	3	3	4
Howard.....	Geo. E. Neville.....	415	315	100	32	28	2	2	3
Huron.....	A. W. Adkinson.....	*180	1180		120	120	5	5	6
Huron Circuit.....	R. C. St. Clair.....		80			13			
Iroquois Circuit.....	F. H. Wheeler.....	*625	625		50	50	4	1	
Lake Byron.....	S. W. Potter.....		150		20	16			
Madison.....	A. F. Thompson.....	450	475		36	40	3	3	4
Mills Circuit.....	H. Locke.....	139	130		20	21			
Nordland and DeSmet.....	J. C. Shelland.....	*800	800		50	47	3	1	4
Watertown.....	A. D. Traveler.....	*900	1000		80	80	6	6	8
Waverly.....	W. S. Taylor.....	200	90	110	25	18			
Winthrop Circuit.....	J. H. Moore.....		155			6			
Totals.....		\$9754	\$9762	\$492	\$857	\$846	\$47	\$40	\$46

STATISTICS NO. 2. CONTINUED—ORDWAY DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			P. E.		BISHOPS		CON. C.	
		Chairs in H. R.	Rec'ts in H. R.	Defici- encies	Appor- tioned	Paid....	Appor- tioned	Paid....	Appor- tioned	Paid....
Aberdeen .....	S. F. Brown .....	\$600	\$600	.....	\$40	\$40	\$3	\$3	\$4	\$4
Alpena .....	Wm. H. Hoadley .....	240	50	\$214	32	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashten and Northville .....	W. H. Matson .....	600	523	76	44	36	2	2	3	3
Altoona .....	J. S. Akers .....	496	500	.....	32	32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blunt .....	E. Hoskyn .....	500	313	287	40	32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Stone City .....	J. H. Moores .....	550	500	50	32	32	1	1	2	2
Detroit and Columbia .....	W. F. Minty .....	.....	400	.....	30	30	3	3	.....	2
Ellendale .....	J. W. Bell .....	650	380	370	32	22	4	3	3	1
For-st City .....	O. H. Sproul .....	600	64	536	32	3	2	2	3	2
Highmore and Harrold .....	J. W. Scott .....	225	225	.....	3	2	2	2	2	2
Ipswich .....	R. M. Wimmel .....	225	128	97	.....	5	.....	1	.....	1
Millbank .....	J. B. Seymour .....	600	600	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nellette .....	J. Bloomhall .....	300	142	158	24	24	2	1	3	2
Ordway .....	A. P. Jones .....	475	400	75	30	30	.....	3	.....	2
Pierre .....	W. H. Selleck .....	640	640	.....	50	30	2	2	.....	.....
Redfield and Crandon .....	A. McClintock .....	800	536	263	50	33	3	3	4	4
Wilmot .....	L. G. Faraier .....	480	280	200	40	31	.....	1	.....	.....
Webster .....	C. H. Conway .....	.....	70	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals.....	\$7991	\$6802	2086	\$678	\$549	\$26	\$23	\$27	\$28
	Grand Totals.....	\$33220	\$30102	4829	2981	2871	\$138	\$120	\$135	\$88
	The Year's Gain..	\$5331	\$6207	.....	\$240	\$345	.....	\$18	.....	\$10

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	SABBATH SCHOOLS.												
	No. of Schools.....	No. of Officers and Teachers.....	No. of Scholars of all ages.....	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.....	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.....	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.....	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.....	No. of Library Books.....	Total Expenses of Schools this year.....	Sunday School Advocates taken.....	Sunday School Classmates taken.....	Sunday School Journals taken.....	Officers & Teachers who are Church Memb's or Prob'ls
Alexandria.....	3	25	209	.....	.....	.....	190	300	\$150	60	60	25	25
Bijou Hills.....	2	15	60	.....	.....	.....	50	50	15	.....	.....	.....	8
Bridgewater.....	1	6	30	14	16	.....	25	200	25	20	20	8	4
Chamberlain.....	1	10	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	25	.....	8	10
Charles Mix County.....	4	25	150	45	80	\$15	.....	100	40	.....	.....	8	17
Douglas County.....	4	32	149	87	32	30	26	.....	15	37	15	4	27
Kimball and White Lake.....	1	6	50	35	10	5	25	.....	35	50	50	.....	4
Letcher and Pleas. Val.....	2	15	75	45	20	16	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell.....	1	17	120	95	.....	25	95	.....	60	25	25	9	17
Mitchell Circuit.....	3	22	115	82	16	17	.....	120	10	.....	.....	18	.....
Milltown.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	2	16	120	60	38	12	77	85	20	25	25	13	14
Woonsocket.....	1	9	88	38	20	30	55	38	35	.....	.....	13	7
Totals.....	27	198	1267	501	232	144	673	923	\$405	242	195	98	133

YANKTON DISTRICT.

Beresford.....	1	8	40	25	15	.....	30	.....	\$10	.....	.....	.....	8	10
Canastota.....	3	15	120	60	40	20	100	200	60	60	60	18	15	40
Centerville.....	2	14	48	35	13	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	32
Canton.....	1	10	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk Point.....	1	12	102	19	21	52	62	.....	39	70	.....	8	7	.....
Gayville.....	1	9	40	32	5	3	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	9	28
Hartford.....	3	13	121	41	37	43	80	60	.....	30	30	.....	8	40
Lodi.....	4	30	120	65	30	25	110	.....	25	40	40	15	20	29
Montrose.....	2	11	117	50	31	36	61	82	12	30	.....	2	11	36
Parker.....	2	12	92	30	34	28	66	.....	45	17	.....	11	8	36
Palisade.....	1	8	20	15	10	5	15	50	.....	21	.....	.....	4	.....
Richland.....	3	13	80	33	27	20	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sioux Falls.....	2	21	150	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	26	35	.....	14	20	25
Springfield.....	3	19	70	35	26	9	60	40	9	10	16	15	17	30
Scotland and Tyndall.....	3	15	75	30	30	15	35	117	12	.....	.....	.....	15	20
Vermillion.....	1	11	60	17	32	11	54	10	29	.....	.....	.....	11	20
Yankton.....	1	25	142	40	62	30	100	300	88	50	50	12	14	20
Totals.....	34	246	1476	527	423	297	913	936	\$365	366	196	95	181	357

HURON DISTRICT.

Brookings.....	3	15	85	39	24	12	55	.....	\$25	25	.....	.....	5	9
Clark.....	1	10	82	35	22	25	40	150	27	.....	.....	6	6	20
Dell Rapids.....	2	13	108	45	42	21	70	.....	32	.....	.....	9	12	13
Doland and Frankfort.....	1	9	75	40	20	15	50	.....	26	40	30	9	5	30
Flandrau.....	1	6	40	10	18	12	30	30	20	.....	40	6	4	6
Gary.....	1	7	50	18	22	10	35	30	15	.....	.....	.....	4	3
Henry and Dixon.....	1	8	50	25	15	10	30	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Howard.....	1	7	35	10	25	18	24	.....	29	20	20	6	6	12
Huron.....	1	21	180	80	60	40	124	.....	55	50	50	12	21	36
Iroquois Circuit.....	2	13	75	40	25	10	55	25	45	.....	.....	6	11	80
Lake Byron.....	2	10	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison.....	4	27	190	125	45	20	175	120	50	55	55	.....	20	65
Mills Circuit.....	3	15	67	40	20	7	35	50	12	.....	.....	.....	8	2
Watertown.....	1	19	140	85	30	25	101	175	42	50	.....	12	.....	.....
Winthrop.....	2	16	90	55	35	.....	85	52	57	40	.....	12	14	31
Totals.....	26	196	1327	647	403	225	909	632	\$431	280	195	78	121	257

## STATISTICS NO. 3, CONTINUED—ORDWAY DISTRICT.

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Aberdeen.....	2	18	130	75	43	12	90	75	\$50	25	25	14	16
Ashton.....	3	2	130	86	30	14	140	150	75	25	25	14	28
Altoona.....	3	16	137	87	36	14	100	50	60	42	30	19	16
Big Stone City.....	1	12	65	22	33	10	45	200	45	20	...	3	8
Detroit.....	1	8	45	...	...	7	30	30	25	25	...	...	15
Ellendale.....	1	10	55	20	26	9	45	...	50	25	25	6	5
Highmore.....	3	28	120	55	35	30	100	...	20	80	50	10	25
Milbank.....	1	12	110	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Mellette.....	1	7	30	15	10	5	25	...	15	...	...	5	5
Ordway.....	1	8	52	22	20	10	46	...	1	20	20	2	7
Pierre.....	2	32	193	61	79	53	116	245	85	50	...	12	20
Redfield.....	2	20	100	30	60	10	85	60	35	...	15	14	26
Wessington Springs.....	1	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Wilnot.....	3	21	90	...	...	...	100	...	25	...	...	21	45
Total.....	25	230	1297	473	372	174	922	810	\$501	287	150	77	370

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She was born on the Island of Guernsey, on the 8th of February, 1853, and came to America with her parents when a child. She was converted to God in Milwaukee, Wis., under the labors of the Rev. Samuel Fallows, D. D., now Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and was married to her now sorrowing husband in Sparta, Wis., September 27, 1877. Sister Thompson was greatly beloved as a Methodist preacher's wife, active and energetic in the work of the ministry up to within a few hours of her death. Without any intimation that death was approaching, she was suddenly called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant—from the toil and care of the Methodist itineracy to move among the white robed company around the throne of God in light.



# Appropriations for 1885-6.

## MITCHELL DISTRICT.—\$3,500.

Alexandria.....	\$160	Plankinton.....	140
Bridgewater.....	160	Plankinton circuit.....	120
Brule.....	20	Pleasant Valley.....	120
Bijou Hills.....	40	Pukwana.....	120
Castalia.....	160	Rome.....	160
Chamberlain.....	140	Three Counties.....	20
Diana and Roswell.....	120	Waterbury.....	120
East Choteau.....	120	White Lake.....	140
Howard and Carthage.....	160	Woonsocket.....	160
Kimball.....	180	Wessington Springs.....	160
Madison.....	160	Cornell.....	120
Mitchell circuit.....	140	District.....	400
Mt. Vernon.....	160		

## YANKTON DISTRICT.—\$3,500.

Alcester.....	\$ 76	Lodi.....	160
Beresford.....	140	Montrose.....	120
Centerville.....	160	Parker.....	160
Canastota.....	30	Palisades.....	100
Canton.....	180	Richland.....	160
Dell Rapids.....	140	Sioux Falls.....	200
Egan.....	80	Sioux Falls circuit.....	100
Elk Point.....	200	Scotland.....	140
Flandreau.....	100	Springfield.....	140
Gayville.....	100	Tyndall.....	30
Hartford.....	140	Vermillion.....	200
Hurley.....	100	Yankton.....	200
Lennox.....	140	District.....	324

## HURON DISTRICT.—\$3,500.

Altoona.....	\$ 80	Highmore.....	200
Blunt.....	160	Howell.....	80
Brookings.....	180	Iroquois.....	120
Castlewood.....	120	Lake Byron.....	100
Cavour.....	120	Pierre.....	160
Clark.....	180	Redfield.....	100
Clark county circuit.....	100	St. Lawrence and Miller.....	100
Clear Lake.....	100	Waverly.....	100
Clifton.....	260	Wessington.....	120
DeSmet and Nordland.....	180	Willow Lake.....	100
Doland and Frankfort.....	120	Wolsey.....	120
Gary.....	140	District.....	460
Henry.....	100		

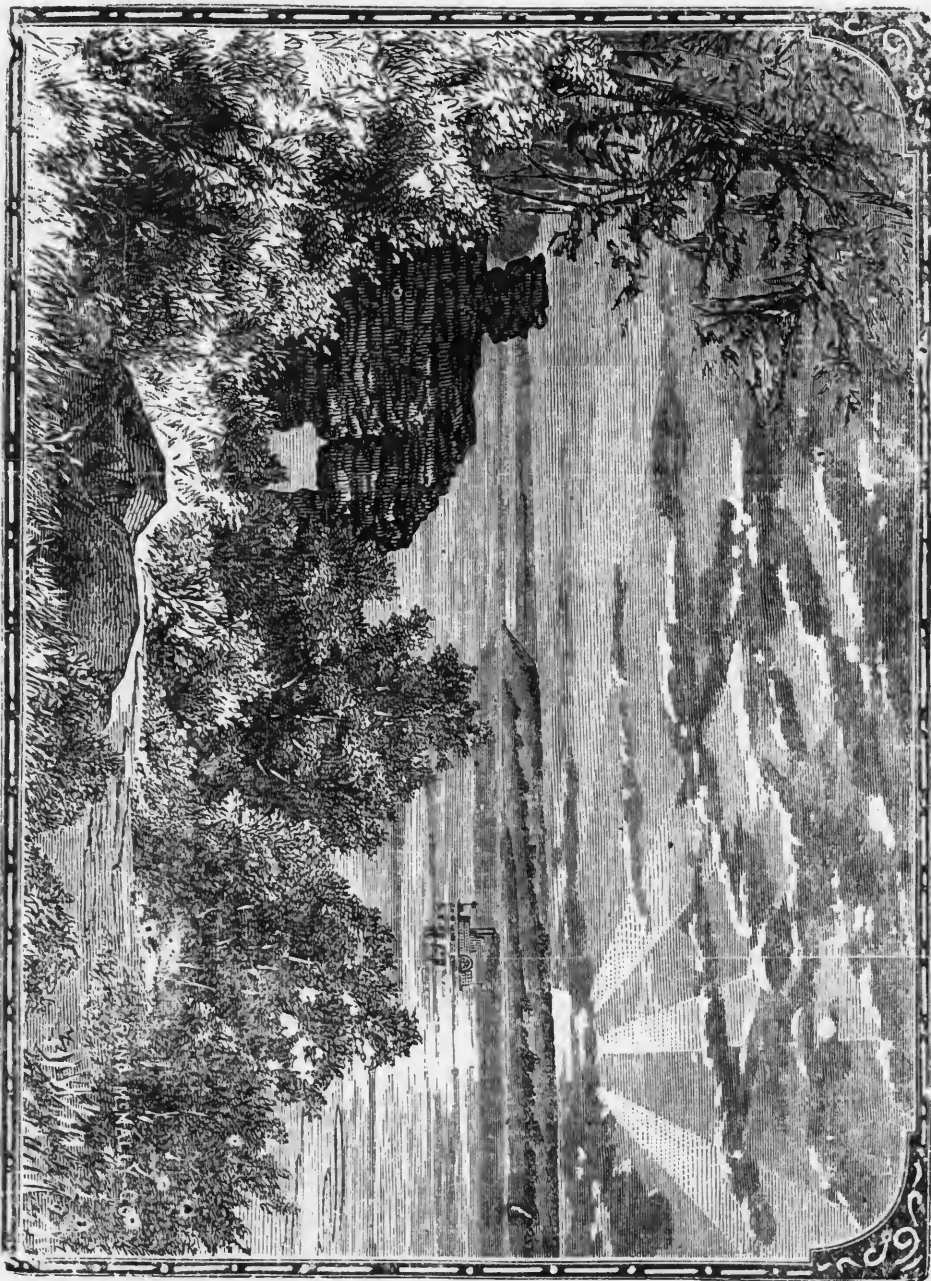
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Andover.....	\$300	Faulkton.....	300
Ashton.....	50	Frederick.....	100
Athol.....	100	Gettysburg.....	152
Bangor and LaBeau.....	300	Ipswich.....	150
Beotia.....	50	Northville.....	100
Big Stone City.....	150	Westport and Ordway.....	75
Columbia.....	200	Wilmot.....	100
Detroit.....	75	District.....	600
Ellendale.....	200		

I concur in the above appropriations.—C. D. Foss.

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Bijou Hills.....	40	Pukwana.....	120
Castalia.....	160	Rome.....	160
Chamberlain.....	140	Three Counties.....	20
Diana and Roswell.....	120	Waterbury.....	120
East Choteau.....	120	White Lake.....	140
Howard and Carthage.....	160	Woonsocket.....	160
Kimball.....	180	Wessington Springs.....	160
Madison.....	160	Cornell.....	120
Mitchell circuit.....	140	District.....	400
Mt. Vernon.....	160		

## YANKTON DISTRICT.—\$3,500.

Alcester.....	\$ 76	Lodi.....	120
Beresford.....	140	Montrose.....	120
Centerville.....	160	Parker.....	160
Canastota.....	30	Palisades.....	100
Canton.....	180	Richland.....	160
Dell Rapids.....	140	Sioux Falls.....	200
Egan.....	80	Sioux Falls circuit.....	160
Elk Point.....	200	Scotland.....	140
Flandreau.....	100	Springfield.....	140
Gayville.....	100	Tyndall.....	50
Hartford.....	140	Vermilion.....	200
Hurley.....	100	Yankton.....	200
Lennox.....	140	District.....	324

## HURON DISTRICT.—\$3,500.

Altoona.....	\$ 80	Highmore.....	200
Blunt.....	160	Howell.....	80
Brookings.....	180	Iroquois.....	120
Castlewood.....	120	Lake Byron.....	160
Cavour.....	120	Pierre.....	160
Clark.....	180	Redfield.....	100
Clark county circuit.....	100	St. Lawrence and Miller.....	100
Clear Lake.....	100	Waverly.....	160
Clifton.....	260	Wessington.....	120
DeSmet and Nordland.....	180	Willow Lake.....	160
Doland and Frankfort.....	120	Wolsey.....	120
Gary.....	140	District.....	400
Henry.....	100		

## ABERDEEN DISTRICT.—\$3,000.

Andover.....	\$300	Faulkton.....	300
Ashton.....	50	Frederick.....	100
Athol.....	100	Gettysburg.....	152
Bangor and LaBeau.....	300	Ipswich.....	150
Beotia.....	50	Northville.....	100
Big Stone City.....	150	Westport and Ordway.....	75
Columbia.....	200	Wilmot.....	100
Detroit.....	75	District.....	600
Ellendale.....	200		

I concur in the above appropriations.—C. D. Foss.

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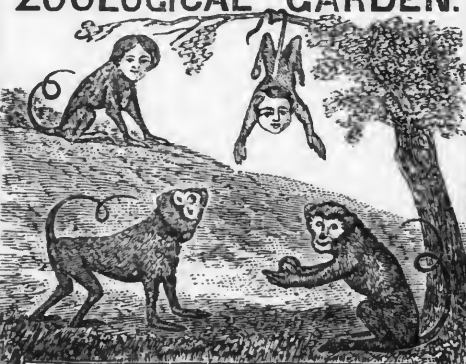
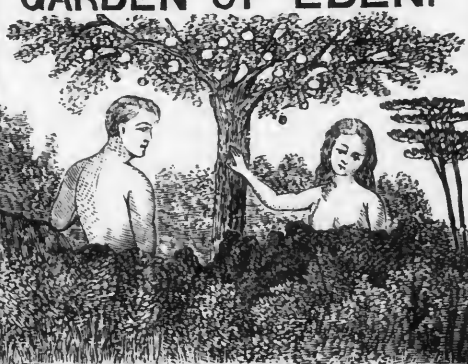


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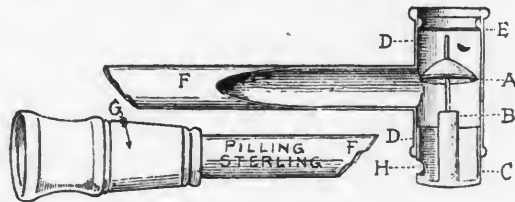
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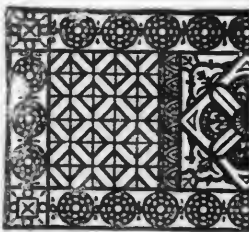
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## Reports of Committees.

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

#### No. 1. DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

The complications connected with the proposed school of high grade at Mitchell have caused your committee much anxious deliberation. On the one hand there has been no fulfillment of the pledges understood to have been made in 1883 by the citizens of Mitchell for the founding of said school. On the other hand no corporation representing the Conference and constituted by its action has ever existed capable of receiving and managing property at Mitchell in the interests of higher education under Christian auspices. Out of these two facts have arisen innumerable difficulties and misapprehensions, which seem incapable of being overcome except by an entirely new departure.

The following facts are well known both to the Conference and citizens of Mitchell.

1. Two quarter sections of land south of the city of Mitchell, known as the Bowdle quarter sections, have been from the beginning named as part of the lands to be given for a university.

2. One of the quarter sections has been platted as the University addition to the city of Mitchell, and lots have been sold or contracted for sale on said plat amounting in value to about \$40,000, on which has been paid in cash, as it has been represented, between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

3. On the same quarter section a college building has been erected and brought so near completion that it is estimated that from \$10,000 to \$15,000 will complete and furnish it throughout ready for college use.

4. The debt already accrued on the building, together with the cost of the Bowdle quarter sections and interest thereon, is supposed to be somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

5. The deed of the Bowdle quarter sections has not as yet passed to any corporation, yet the college edifice has been thus far built by a corporation or corporations entirely independent of action by the mission.

Your committee recommend that the Conference enter the following action and order:

1. The conference deems it right and just that the present Board of Directors of the Dakota University and the citizens of Mitchell shall convey, free of debt and all other encumbrances whatsoever, to the representatives of Conference hereinafter provided for, the two quarter sections known as the Bowdle quarter sections, together with the college building completely finished and furnished for college work, excepting, however, those lots on the University addition which have been already sold or contracted for sale.

2. To receive and manage said property as a college or university under the patronage of the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Conference hereby selects the following persons, viz.: A. W. Adkinson, L. Bradford, A. M. Bowdle, C. B. Clark, W. H. H. Phillips, R. N. Kratz, H. M. Springer, J. P. Ward, William Fielder, O. S. Basford, Hiram Barber, jr., requesting them to secure an incorporation of themselves as a university, with articles of incorporation in substantial agreement with the form of articles of incorporation herewith subjoined.

3. If the present Board of Directors of the Dakota University and the citizens of Mitchell meet the conditions above indicated and turn over the property to the new incorporation at any time before the next session of the Dakota Conference, the Conference will put forth its best endeavors to secure students and endowment funds for the University, and to promote the largest possible success of its work.

4. Should it be found impracticable for the present Board of Directors of Dakota University and the citizens of Mitchell for any reason during the ensuing Conference year to meet the terms enjoined in the first section, then the Conference proposes to make provision for the founding of a college or university elsewhere.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

Know all men by these presents that we: A, B, C, D, E, F, etc., citizens of the territory of Dakota and of the United States, for ourselves and others connected with us, and our successors, do hereby associate ourselves together and do hereby form and organize a corporation for educational purposes under and in accordance with provisions of part 3, title 2, chapter III of the civil code of Dakota territory and its amendments, to have and to enjoy the rights and privileges conferred by said code and for such purposes we do make, propose and set forth the following

##### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

ARTICLE I. The name of this corporation shall be the Dakota University

ART. II. The object of this corporation shall be the establishing of an institution of high grade at Mitchell, Dakota, whose course of instruction shall become and be a full university course with academic and preparatory departments, also the establishing of auxiliaries and branches as shall be determined by the board of directors, in locations where suitable aid shall be afforded for that purpose; the university and all its departments and branches to be under the control and management of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ART. III. The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

ART. IV. The number of the directors of this corporation shall be eleven, (11) two thirds, at least, of whom shall be ministers or members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

They shall hold, control and manage all the interests of the university in harmony with the provisions of these articles and such by-laws as may be adopted under the same.

The first board of directors shall be the following named persons:

A. W. Adkinson, Huron, Beadle Co., Dak.; L. Bradford, Elk Point, Union Co., Dak.; A. M. Bowdle, C. B. Clark, R. N. Kratz, Hiram Barber jr., Mitchell, Davison Co., Dak.; J. P. Ward, Bridgewater, Turner Co., Dak.; Henry M. Springer, Kellerton, Hamlin Co., Dak.; Wm. Fielder, Huron, Beadle Co., Dak.; O. S. Basford, Redfield, Spink Co., Dak.; who were chosen at a meeting held at Mitchell, Dakota territory, on the..... day of ....., A. D. 188..., as further appears by the affidavit of the officers conducting said election hereunto appended.

At said election a majority of the members were present and voted and the directors so duly chosen, together with their places of residence, being as follows, viz: A. W. Adkinson, Huron, Beadle Co., Dak.; L. Bradford, Elk Point, Union Co., Dak.; A. Bowdle, C. B. Clark, R. N. Kratz, Hiram Barber jr., Mitchell, Davison Co., Dak.; W. H. H. Phillips, DeSmet, Kingsbury Co., Dak.; J. P. Ward, Bridgewater, Turner Co., Dak.; Henry M. Springer, Kellerton, Hamlin Co., Dak.; Wm. Fielder, Huron, Beadle Co., Dak.; O. S. Basford, Redfield, Spink Co., Dak.

ART. V. To facilitate this design this corporation shall have power to establish in connection with this university, and at other eligible localities, such practicable, useful and necessary departments, branches and auxiliaries as shall be decreed by this board and as its interests and resources may justify from time to time.

ART. VI. In connection with the department of higher education hereby authorized, in which professorships shall be established, are the following:

CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT, Embracing the usual four year's college course, established in our best American colleges.

SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT, Including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, botany, systematic zoology, paleontology, also English, French, German, and history, philosophy and political science.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT, Co-operating, with the public high school system of the territory, embracing the preparatory and collegiate normal courses.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT, With the following courses: Latin, scientific modern literature and art, and scientific agricultural department, or department of industrial art applied to agriculture.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, Embracing four courses, pianoforte, vocal, organ and orchestral.

MEDICINE, Including surgery, with clinical advantages.

MECHANICS, Or school of technology.

COMMERCIAL, Or business department.

LAW, Embracing the several branches of constitutional, international, maritime, commercial and criminal law, medical jurisprudence, and the jurisprudence of the United States, and will include such instruction in the common law and equity pleadings, evidence and practice as will lay a substantial foundation for practice in all departments of law.

HOME EDUCATION, Or useful classified reading, embracing a liberal course of four years. Annual examinations shall be provided for, and the conferring of an appropriate degree upon such persons as shall have completed the course.

THEOLOGY, Hebrew mental science, exegesis, theology and history, and such other studies as are usually taught in the best biblical institutes.

ART. VII. This corporation shall have power to confer all the degrees usually conferred in the best universities and colleges and such others as they may desire to confer, to carry out the plans of this incorporation, or as they may provide for hereafter in their by-laws.

ART. VIII. The principal office or place of business of the University shall be the city of Mitchell, Dakota Territory.

ART. IX. The number and designation of professorships to be established are as follows:

1. Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics.
2. Professor of Natural Science.
3. Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature.
4. Professor of Modern Languages and Literature.
5. Professor of English Literature.
6. Professor of Mathematics.
7. Professor of Elocution.
8. Professor of Theoretical Agriculture and Chemistry.
9. Professor of Instrumental and Vocal Music.
10. Professor of Anatomy and Physiology.
11. Professor of Civil Engineering and Military Art.
12. Professor of Bookkeeping and Commercial Law.
13. Professor of Jurisprudence.
14. Professor of Theoretical and Practical Theology.

ART. X. The members of this corporation shall be such persons not less than fifteen (15) as shall be elected to such membership by the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of whom at least shall be ministers or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. These members shall be elected at the next session of said Conference. At the annual meeting of said members in June, A. D. 1887, the board of members shall be divided into three (3) as nearly equal classes as may be. The first class shall continue one year, the second class two years, and the third class three years, so that one class shall be chosen by the Conference every year. The terms of those chosen to fill vacancies shall expire with the classes in which the vacancies have severally occurred.

ART. XI. By-laws shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of the Territory, as provided for in part 3, title 2, chap. 3.

ART. XII. This corporation shall have the power to receive gifts, legacies and bequests of real and personal property.

### NO. 2. CENTRAL DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, The Committee of Education appointed by the Dakota Mission at its session in October, 1884, found that the proposition made at the session held in 1883, by a certain syndicate located at Ordway, together with citizens of Ordway, looking to the founding of a university at Ordway, had not been fulfilled, and

WHEREAS, An additional year was granted by said Mission Conference within which to make good said proposition, and

WHEREAS, Your committee find said proposition is still unfulfilled by said syndicate and citizens. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we do hereby disclaim all responsibility for the failure of the aforesaid enterprise, and that we here and now abandon all attempts to found a University at Ordway.

### NO. 3. GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

There have been placed in the hands of your committee the annual catalogue and report of the trustees and society of Garrett Biblical institute, and among the matters noted with sincere pleasure are these.

1. The sound financial basis on which the institution rests.
2. The large number of students in attendance.
3. Thoroughness of instruction.
4. The preparation of a special English course for the benefit of such students as are not so situated as to render a more extended course possible.
5. That the graduates of the institute preach a living gospel, as attested by the large number of conversions that have occurred under the ministry this year.

We urge our young men, whether already in the ministry or about to enter it, if not already fully equipped with a theological education, to plan for attendance upon Garrett Biblical institute for one or more years if at all practicable.

That in accordance with the recommendation of the trustees and faculty, that we send official visitors to the ensuing anniversary exercises. Your committee would respectfully recommend the appointment of I. N. Pardee and L. Hartsough as such visitors.

### NO. 4. CHILDREN'S DAY.

Your committee regard with profound gratitude the increased and increasing interest manifested in the cause of general education as represented by the observance of "Children's Day."

That we regard the observance of the day as beneficial to the local church.

That we recognize the necessity of binding our young Conference to the church at large as closely as possible by means of our connectional institutions, and we urge our members, wherever practicable, to observe Children's day according to the disciplinary plan.

### NO. 5. CONSTITUTION OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ARTICLE I. This board shall consist of such persons as shall be chosen annually by the Conference for such purpose, not exceeding nine (9) in number, which board shall be auxiliary to the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ARR. II. The object of this board shall be to promote and encourage the educational work of the church within the bounds of the Conference by all suitable means, and to receive and hold all moneys for general educational purposes raised within and voted by said conference or donated to such board by the parent board and to expend the same as ordered by the Conference or as directed by the rules of the parent board.

In the absence of such direction this board shall expend the moneys in its discretion to aid persons from our bounds who are pursuing a course of study in any of the educational institutions of the church for the gospel ministry in said church.

ART. III. The officers of this board shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually pertaining to such offices, and shall be elected by the Conference annually.

ART. IV. There shall be held annually at the seat of Conference and in connection with the same, a public anniversary meeting in the interest of Christian education, the same to be arranged for by the officers of this board in connection with the Committee on public worship.

#### REPORT "A"—FREEDMEN'S AID.

WHEREAS, We believe the education and elevation of the Freedmen to be one of the most important duties of the Church and the Republic, therefore

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the great and increasingly successful work of the Freedmen's Aid Society; and pledge our best effort to secure its support by our people.

D. RIFFENBARK, W. F. MINTY, A. E. BURROWS.

#### REPORT "B"—RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we heartily express our gratitude to God, and our thanks to Bishop C. D. Foss, for his coming among us. His ripe Christian experience, mature judgment and Christian bearing have been a benediction to us, and we shall be heartily glad to welcome him at any time as visitor or President.

*Resolved*, That in the organization of the Annual Conference out of the Mission, and the consequent retirement of Rev. I. N. Pardee from the superintending of the same, we place on record our high appreciation of his kindly spirit, great zeal and industry in the work, and his eminent success and great value as a church dedicator, in which we declare him not inferior to the most eminent men in the connection.

*Resolved*, That it gives us great pleasure to see the sunny face of Bishop Andrews among us, and that we hereby thank him for his very valuable and laborious work on the Educational Committee, and shall hope for many renewals of our mutual acquaintance.

*Resolved*, That we greatly appreciate the kindness of Pastor Hoskyn and the good people of Blunt for their generous hospitality, and we pray the continued blessing of God upon them.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our thanks to the Chicago & North western and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads for courtesies extended, and we hope they will in the near future extend their lines of road to all parts of our Conference.

A. JAMIESON, Chairman.

#### REPORT "D"—BIBLE.

Believing that God's word is the foundation of saving faith, we are in duty bound to circulate the Holy Scriptures among the masses to the full extent of our ability. Therefore

*Resolved*, First, That we will, as Christian pastors, faithfully press the claims of the Bible cause upon our respective congregations.

Second, That we have full confidence in the American Bible society and the work it is accomplishing.

L. W. MILLER, J. H. MOORES.

#### REPORT "E"—CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, Our church literature has always been one of the great and efficient agencies in the propagation of the Gospel and in the spread of Scriptural holiness among the people; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we take special care in our young and rapidly growing country to recommend and place within the reach our people the literature of our Church and the publications of our Book Concern. First, by securing for our Sabbath schools the libraries selected with care and published by our own houses; second, by securing to our Sabbath schools, supplies published by

our own authorities; third, by thoroughly canvassing for our Northwestern Advocate, and placing it, as far as practicable, in every Methodist family, especially those scattered over the prairies remote from the means of grace; fourth, by calling special attention of our ministers and people to paragraph 262, section 8, of our Discipline, namely, the organization of Church lyceums, and, in connection therewith, securing libraries, text-books and books of reference, for the Literary and Spiritual culture of our people.

T. H. WALKER, O. H. SPROUL.

#### REPORT "F"—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school is recognized as a potent auxiliary to the church, and

WHEREAS, The church in this territory is largely in a formative state, and

WHEREAS, We believe the plans and equipments of our own church equal to any in the land. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we will faithfully, carefully and yet zealously seek to carry out the requirements of the discipline by organizing Sabbath schools of the Methodist Episcopal church, working the plans and using the equipments of our own church, and thus husbanding this great influence to our own church, as part of the great church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

T. S. HUNT, G. E. NEVILLE.

#### REPORT "G"—TRACTS.

WHEREAS, It is a fact indisputable that many a man has been awakened to a sense of his lost condition out of Christ, and the Church greatly quickened in her zeal and usefulness, through the instrumentality of tracts; and,

WHEREAS, We greatly fear that the duty of distributing tracts has been too much neglected by many of our preachers; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we not only simply recognize the tract cause, and declare our sympathy with it, but more, that we individually promise to acquaint ourselves fully with the productions of the Tract Society, make a judicious use of them in our pastoral work, and faithfully present the cause to our people.

A. D. SMITH, W. H. MATSON, MORAY CLYDE.

#### REPORT "H"—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary society has in the years past been blessed of God in successful efforts to raise money and disseminate the Gospel among the women of heathen lands; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we regard this society as a co-worker with our own and believe that the collections for the parent board are rather increased than diminished by the work the women of our church are doing in circulating missionary literature.

*Resolved*, That we, in our several charges, encourage the efforts put forth by this society in organizing auxiliary societies and raising money for the work of evangelizing the world.

That the Heathen Woman's Friend is worthy of the patronage of the women of the church, and we will encourage its circulation among our people.

E. CRAVEN, O. H. SPROUL, L. W. MILLER.

#### REPORT "I"—CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES.

Your Committee on Churches and Parsonages beg leave to recommend that pastors give their special attention to church erection and exercise great caution to prevent the societies from unduly and indiscretely involving themselves in debt, and

WHEREAS, It is difficult, and in some cases impossible to secure suitable dwellings for the pastors and their families at a reasonable rent, we recommend that wherever practicable, parsonages be erected, and great care taken in planning them with reference to convenience and taste, and

WHEREAS, The church at Highmore was destroyed by a cyclone in July last, leaving the church heavily involved, and

WHEREAS, *Urgent appeals have already been sent to the several pastors of the Conference, to which only a few have responded.*

We recommend that on the first Sabbath in November the pastors of those charges which have not already responded, be and are hereby requested to take a collection for the said church and forward the proceeds to E. P. Everhard Esq., cashier of Hyde county bank, Highmore, Dakota.

C. E. HAGER, EDWIN CRAVEN.

#### REPORT "K" PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, The prohibition of the liquor traffic by statutory law or by the organic law of the state, is the line along which the temperance forces are moving, and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is about to ask for admission into statehood, and

WHEREAS, At a constitutional convention recently held at Sioux Falls, Dakota, to frame a constitution for the coming state of Dakota, said convention by a vote of seventy-five to ten, decided to submit to the people as a separate clause to be embodied in the constitution of the state of Dakota, the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the action of said convention, and pledge ourselves to labor earnestly for the adoption of the constitution as submitted—and we further pledge ourselves to organize, labor and vote for the prohibitory clause.

#### REPORT "L"—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We believe the Sabbath to be of Divine and perpetual obligation—a shield to the happiness, purity and prosperity of domestic life; and

Whereas, The degree of regard paid to its observance which commemorates the rising from the dead of our Savior, will usually indicate the moral status of our commonwealth; and

Whereas, The effort to bring the laxity of the European customs with regard to the Sabbath finds a ready response in the hearts of those opposed to godliness; the harvester, the picnic, the excursion and other like things are heard of on Sunday, and only here and there a sailing party drowned or an explosion sending scores into eternity unprepared, gives emphasis to the command of God, "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy;" therefore

*Resolved*, That the blest truth that our Heavenly Father set apart a day of rest; a day which experience has proved to be of incalculable benefit to the toiler and its loss a calamity; a day of special advantage to the heart in its opportunities for spiritual refreshing, shall be a truth frequently referred to by us this year, and that every minister is advised to preach at least one sermon on the advantages of observance of the soul's day.

*Resolved*, That we will dissuade our people from secular reading, secular conversation and all correspondence by letter on that day, believing it to be damaging to the Christian progress in spiritual life.

J. C. SHELLAND.

L. B. WILSON.

#### REPORT "M"—CHURCH EXTENSION.

The sainted Bishop Clark once very feelingly said, "every man is more of a man for being appreciated." If this be true of individuals is it not also true of compacts? And if our sweet-spirited superintendent, (now translated) when endeavoring to give a divine cast of character to the younger ministers of the Conference and to the congregations they served, could see how a just appreciation would help to that Christlikeness so much desired, cannot we also discover how a proper appreciation, by even Dakota Conference, would add to the efficiency of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal church?

Facts we cannot gainsay. Out of the forty-six (46) churches already built within this Conference of which your committee have knowledge, forty-four (44) have been aided by donations and forty-five (45) by loans. The donations to aid in these church edifices amount to \$11,250, the loans to \$17,400.

The necessity of church buildings is apparent when we recognize those other facts, that a healthy soul demands a healthy body and that spiritual power when not materialized is speedily sacrificed.

Further—your committee are convinced that our plan of advancing gifts and loans for church enterprise is eminently practical and superior to the plans of our sister churches and that this single fact is the prominent cause of our greater success in church building in Dakota. Therefore, in view of all, your committee ask for your adoption this single resolution, viz:

That we give to this matter of church extension due attention and do all in our power in our respective charges to create an interest in the hearts of our people toward this noble enterprise and endeavor by faithful representation and thorough agitation in every instance to meet our respective apportionments, believing that as we do it we are “casting bread upon the waters” that shall return not “after many days,” but speedily, and with the fullest scriptural increase. Yours respectfully,

J. WILLARD SCOTT, J. P. JENKINS.

#### REPORT “N”—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to examine the presiding elders’ accounts, beg leave to report as follows:

Mitchell District—Examined carefully and found correct.

Yankton District—Examined carefully and found correct.

Huron District—Examined carefully and found correct.

Ordway District—Examined carefully and made satisfactory.

L. B. WILES, J. G. CAMPBELL, JAMES ROWE.

#### REPORT “O”—WOMAN’S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

There are eight auxiliaries of this society in our Conference, namely: Elk Point, Yankton, Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, Lennox, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Plankinton. This department of missionary work has not advanced during the past year as was desired and expected, owing in part to the necessary absence of the Conference secretary from the territory the latter half of the year. We had hoped to double the number of auxiliaries at least.

Some of the societies have done nobly, making their reports quarterly. Others have failed in this respect. One has died. The Huron auxiliary “ceased at once to work and live” in December, 1884. There should have been a resurrection ere this.

A new year has dawned upon us. With the help of God we expect to see a grand advance along this line of Christian work before its close. Much, very much depends upon the wife of the Pastor. If she be “not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;” this work will generally prosper. But the responsibility rests not alone upon her. “Go ye also” comes to all those who have the ability.

Thankful for the cordial invitation of the Conference to visit the various charges in the interest of this work, we purpose to enter these open doors fully persuaded that “it is more blessed to give than to receive,” and that in helping the cause of missions we more than help ourselves.

MRS. ISABELLA M. HARTSOUGH, Conference Secretary.

#### REMEMBER.

All Statistical Reports must be handed in at the first session of the Conference. See “Discipline,” paragraph 87, section 2.

Hence, if you are not to attend, be sure and send your reports one week ahead to your Presiding Elder at the seat of Conference.

Note also, paragraph 87, sections 3 and 7; they are so important.

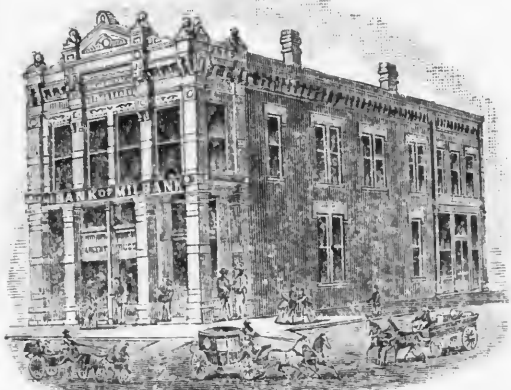
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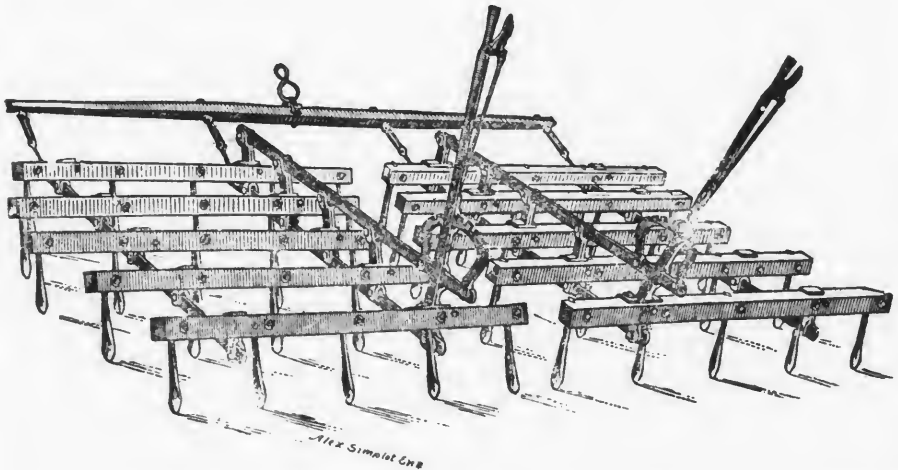
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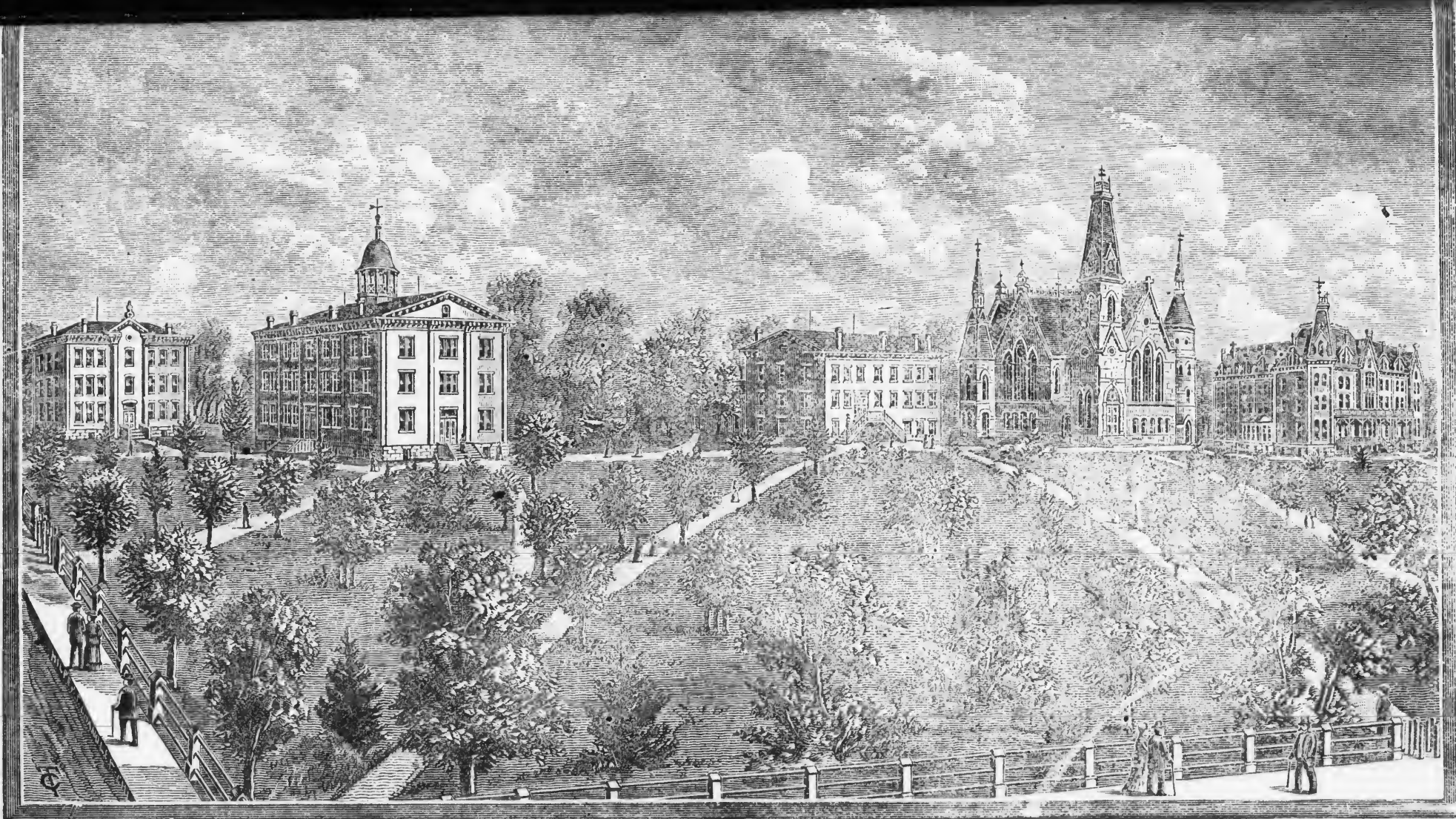
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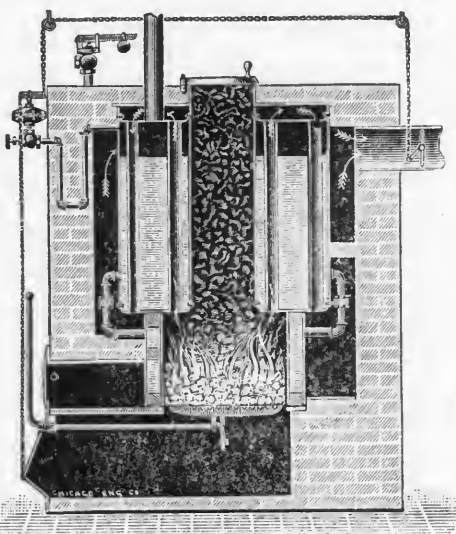
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